

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Official Action mailed May 5, 2004. In order to advance prosecution of the present Application, Claims 1, 3, 4, 8, 14, and 21 have been amended. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this Application.

Claims 1, 8, 14, and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for containing subject matter not described in the specification. Claims 1, 8, 14, and 21 have been amended to address matters raised by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1, 8, 14, and 21 are in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Katsuo, et al. in view of Hersch, et al. Independent Claims 1, 8, and 14 recite in general the ability to render a first frame of an animation sequence and a second frame of the animation sequence at separate first and second render servers. Moreover, Independent Claims 1 and 8 provide an ability to notify the client when the render job is complete. By contrast, neither the Katsuo, et al. patent nor the Hersch, et al. patent process frames in an animation sequence let alone process individual frames in an animation sequence at different render servers nor provide notification of the completion of processing as required in the claimed invention. Support for the above recitation can be found at page 33, lines 14-17, and page 34, lines 1-7, of Applicant's specification. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-20 are patentably distinct from the proposed Katsuo, et al. - Hersch, et al. combination.

Claims 21-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Katsuo, et al. in view of Austin, et al. Independent Claims 21 recites in general the ability to

render a first frame of an animation sequence and a second frame of an animation sequence at separate first and second render servers. By contrast, neither the Katsuo, et al. patent nor the Austin, et al. patents process frames in an animation sequence let alone process individual frames in an animation sequence at different render servers as required in the claimed invention. Support for the above recitation can be found at page 33, lines 14-17, and page 34, lines 1-7, of Applicant's specification. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 21-29 are patentably distinct from the proposed Katsuo, et al. - Austin, et al. combination.

Attached herewith for consideration by the Examiner is an Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider the documents listed therein during prosecution of this Application and provide an indication that the documents have been considered.

Applicant notes that the Examiner has not provided an indication the documents submitted in the Information Disclosure Statements of July 23, 2003 and January 6, 2004 have been considered during prosecution of this Application. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to provide the appropriate indication.

Applicant respectfully requests a one month extension of time and a Notification of Extension of Time with check are attached hereto in support thereof.

CONCLUSION

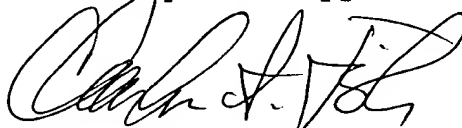
Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other apparent reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending Claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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